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Bill Summary =

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Overview

This bill provides civil immunity for school districts that make their facilities available for recreational use by members of the public. The immunity would bar a person from holding the district liable for an injury or loss resulting from the use of the school facility for recreational activity.

A school district would still be subject to liability for certain conditions that would entitle a trespasser to seek damages (such as a highly-dangerous hazard on the property, if the district knew of its existence but did not remove it or post a warning). The bill does not affect any existing duty owed by the school district.

- **Parks and recreation areas.** Provides a conforming cross-reference to the new provision contained in section 2 of this bill.
- **Recreational use of school property and facilities.** Establishes civil immunity for school districts for actions arising from the use of school property or facilities for recreational use, as described above.
- **Effective date.** Provides that the bill is effective immediately, and applies to actions arising on or after that date.